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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY-THIRD SESSION

1. COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY'S (CSTD) THIRD SESSION ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS PARTLY BECAUSE OF EFFECTIVENESS OF BRAZILIAN CHAIRMAN H. JOAO FRANK DA COSTA, WHO HAD LED THE COMITE'S SECOND SESSION AND THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP (IWG) LAST APRIL, HIS EXPERIENCE SMOOTHED OVER DIFFERENCES ON SEVERAL ISSUES DIVIDING DEVELOPED NATIONS FROM THE GROUP OF 77. THE MEETINGS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY AN ABSENCE OF SIGNIFICANT CONFRONTATION AND RHETORIC, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF DISCUSSIONS OVER RESOON QUANTIFICATION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS SUBJECT OF SEPTEL.

2. THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AS
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THE MOST IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEM, WAS AGREED TO ROUGHLY

ACCORDING TO IWG'S AND US DEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS. A CULMINATING MEETING TO BE PRECEDED BY NATIONAL AND REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETINGS HAS BEEN SET FOR 1979. THE CSTD ITSELF WILL CONSTITUTE THE PREPARATORY COMITE TO THE CONFERENCE. THE ADVISORY COMITE ON APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (ACASTD) WILL PROVIDE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERTISE AND WILL WORK AS A BODY AND POSSIBLY AS INDIVIDUAL EXPERTS. THE G-77 AT FIRST INSISTED ON AN INDEPENDENT SECRETARIAT FOR THE CONFERENCE AND PERSCRIBED FOR THE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY A NOMINAL ROLE ON THE GROUNDS THAT ITS PRESENT COMPOSITION DOES NOT REFLECT LDC NEEDS. THE 77'S ANTIPATHY FOR OST LED TO COMPROMISE. AN INDEPENDENT SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL BE THE AGENCIES' PERSONNEL SECONDED TO HIM, WITH A SUPPORTING OST EXPANDED TO INCLUDE A NUMBER OF LDC POSITIONS. AUSTRIA AND MEXICO ARE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING HOST TO THE CULMINATING MEETING.

3. A RES E/C.8/L.65 ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT CALS UPON ILO "TO REINFORCE ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELDS OF CHOICE AND THE TRANSFER OF TECNOLOGIES" TOGETHER WITH TECHNICAL COOPERATION WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND UPGRADING OF WORKERS.

4. ACAST'S 12TH REPORT WAS COMMENDED AND A RES WAS ADOPTED DECIDING THAT THE REGIONAL AND WORKING GROUPS OF ACAST SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THE OBLIGATION OF THE BIENNIAL CYCLE OF MEETING AS AT PRESENT, IN VIEW OF ITS ROLE IN THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE.

5. US DEL DID NOT SUCCEED IN DEFUSING AN AUSTRIAN RES-ADOPTED WITHOUT A VOTE DESPITE US OBJECTIONS TO ITS POSSIBLE DUPLICATORY TENDENCIES--WHICH GIVES ACAST A REVIEWING AND ADVISORY ROLE IN THE FIELD OF NON-CONVENTIONAL AND NON-POLUTING ENERGY SOURCES.

6. QUANTIFICATION ISSUE GENERATED MUCH DISCUSSION LEADING TO A DOUBTFUL CONSENSUS WITHOUT A VOTE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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